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August 20, 2001

Dr. Jeffrey P. Koenings, Director
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
600 Capitol Way N.
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Dear Dr. Koenig:

I am writing to express my gratitude for the extremely valuable assistance H. Lee Blankenship of your staff provided to David Killoy of my Regulatory Division with regard to your Salmon tagging program.

As you may know distinct population segments of the Atlantic Salmon in Northern Maine rivers have been listed as Endangered. It is likely that our response to this listing will require a means to mark aquaculture Salmon and we sought your expertise in understanding the tagging and recovery process.

Lee, Lynn Andersen and others of your staff provided a tour of your Olympia tag recovery and logging operation and visits to the Cowlitz River Hatchery and to the Skookumchuk rearing site to observe manual and automated tagging in progress. Their professional expertise and practical experience was evident and readily shared. It reflects great credit on your Agency and the State of Washington. The information will be of great value as we come to deal with this complex and important issue in Maine.

Again, thank you for your professional and personal courtesy, and should the New England District ever be able to assist you please contact me.

Sincerely

Brian E. Osterndorf
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
Commander, New England District

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